

- Sub B2  
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3. (Amended) A process for canceling a uniquely numbered ticket having a control number and an area with thermally reactive coating material disposed thereon, the process comprising the steps of:
- inserting the lottery ticket into a lottery terminal having means for receiving the lottery ticket therein;
  - activating the thermally reactive coating material of the lottery ticket for permanently marking the lottery ticket;
  - following the activating step, imaging the lottery ticket for detecting the activated thermally reactive coating material and for reading the control number of the lottery ticket; and
  - recording the control number.

Please amend claim 5 as follows:

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5. (Amended) A process for canceling a uniquely numbered ticket having a control number and an area with chemically reactive coating material disposed thereon, the process comprising the steps of:
- inserting the lottery ticket into a lottery terminal having means for receiving the lottery ticket therein;
  - activating the chemically reactive coating material of the lottery ticket for permanently marking the lottery ticket;
  - following the activating step, imaging the lottery ticket for detecting the activated chemically reactive coating material and for reading the control number of the lottery ticket; and
  - recording the control number.

REMARKS

The Applicant appreciates the Examiner's thorough examination of the subject application and, further, requests reconsideration of the subject application based on